



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

March 3, 2010

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

What better way to begin March than with our Winter Concert, tonight at Lincoln! March is a month of activity and celebrations at school. Yesterday was the nation-wide, NEA celebration, Read Across America. Lincoln students celebrated with a 'visiting teacher story' in the morning and a 'drop everything and read' at dismissal.

This celebration was choreographed by our Librarian, LeeAnne Toner and the Lincoln faculty. Conferences have been scheduled (if not, please contact your classroom teacher) and our 5th grade is gearing-up for Baby-Sitting. In preparation for the Hoop-A-Thon fundraiser (March 18th), the gym will host hoop & hula practice for 3, 4 & 5th grades during the baby-sitting. In cooperation with the Winchester School District, the Parent-Interschool Council is sponsoring two shopping days this month and we hope to see many Lincoln families at these events. Today only, Wilson Farms will donate 20% of your total purchase when you display your Winchester Flyer (additional copies on the LSPA table at school and online at www.winchester.k12.ma.us (click on district fundraiser). Watch the Lincletter for more details about our event at Mahoney's to take place at the end of March. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 3rd

Winter Concert

Wednesday-Friday, March 10th -12th

Early Release for teacher conferences

Thursday, March 18th

Hoop-A-Thon 2:30-4:00pm

SHOP AT WILSON FARM TODAY!

Once again, Wilson Farms has generously offered a Winchester Public Schools Fundraising Day! All Winchester families, school faculty, administrators, and staff are welcome to shop at Wilson Farms on Wednesday, March 3rd, from 9am-7pm and 20% of their total purchase will go directly to Winchester Public Schools! **The official flyer must be used in order to benefit**

Winchester. The coupon can be found at www.winchester.k12.ma.us by clicking "District Fundraiser". It is encouraging when all the schools and members of the Winchester community work together toward a common purpose - helping all our children. Please join us at Wilson Farms on March 3rd! Please contact Maria O'Connor at mariaconnor@gmail.com with any questions. Co-Sponsored by Wilson Farms and the Winchester Parents Inter School Council.

5TH GRADERS CHOOSE HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Last Thursday the 5th graders voted to support Heifer International with funds raised from their upcoming Hoop-A-Thon. Heifer International works with communities around the globe to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. They do this by giving families "a hand up, not just a hand out" with gifts of livestock and training that help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. The animals are "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to "pass on the gift" by giving one of their animal's offspring to another family in need. For more information, visit www.heifer.org. Lincoln 5th graders will be able to choose which animals to purchase and donate from the Heifer program based on the amount of funds raised in their Hoop-A-Thon after school on March 18th. The basketball and hula-hoop event is **open to Lincoln students in grades 3-5, faculty and staff.** We hope the entire community will come out in support! --Eileen Marks

MATH AND SCIENCE MANIA

Calling all scientists in the Lincoln School Community! A Math and Science Mania program will be held Wednesday May 5 from 6-7:30pm at Lincoln School. The planning committee is looking for parent volunteers to help create and present science and technology stations for the event. In past years, display topics included "See the sounds" (computer displays of sound frequencies), "Explore the world of

engineering," "Optics, the science of light," "The MIT Chemistry Department," and "Polymers." We are hoping to have stations representing the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. If you would like to help us create a display in the area of your expertise, please contact Caroline Shamu at caroline.shamu@hms.harvard.edu

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINCHESTER COOP THEATRE PRESENTS WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 19th-28th at McCall Middle School: Come share in the adventure of Charlie Bucket and four other lucky Golden Ticket holders as they tour the famed Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory. Winchester Coop Theatre's group of 4th, 5th and 6th graders brings to life the magical world inside this delicious factory with song and dance. Friday, March 19th @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 20th @ 1:00 p.m., Sunday March 21st @ 1:00 p.m., Friday March 26th @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 27th @ 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Sunday March 28th @ 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each). Recommended for ages 3 and up. **Special Performance Tuesday March 23rd @ 4:00 pm. Proceeds to benefit the GINN Playground Restoration Project.** Tickets for this special performance are \$15 and will be sold only at the door. Attendees to this special performance may win a GOLDEN TICKET and a chance to win a Wonka worthy prize. For info on this special performance, contact presidents@winchesterneighbors.com.

WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL

Winchester High School proudly presents their 2010 Spring Musical *The Pajama Game* on March 4, 5, and 6 at 7:30 pm in the Winchester High School Auditorium. *The Pajama Game* includes tunes such as "Steam Heat", "Hey There", "Hernando's Hideaway", and "Once a Year Day". For Winchester High School's production, the choreography is created by Rebecca Greaves, Nina Krane

and Sam Seferian. Choral direction is by Mary Costello, orchestral direction by Nick Costello, and stage direction is by Jason Van Dinter. Tickets will be available at the door on the night of each performance for \$12.00. If you have any questions please contact Melodie Wing at 781-721-2364.

COOL SCIENCE CLUB

Registration is now open for the almost-spring session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club -- an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science, technology and math. This four-week session is scheduled to include MANY fun and NEW science topics. Club Scientists lead explorations of individual topics for groups of 12 students and are assisted by Young Scientists (from grades 8-12). For Grades K+1+2: Outdoor Explorer, Discovery Science, Kitchen Chemistry, Explore Stars and Planets in STARLAB. For Grades 3+4+5+6: Build a Boat, Digging Mummy Science, LEGO Robotics. The Club will be held on Wednesdays (3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7) from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at McCall Middle School. Slots for the Club will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and go quickly! Get your registration form TODAY from paulagiancola@comcast.net. The fee per Club participant is \$75. Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins (781-729-7157, Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us), Science Coordinator at the McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director.

SPED PAC MEETING

Parents LBLD Group has planned the next two meetings. Our March meeting has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, March 10th, at the McCall Library from 7 - 9:30.** Our April meeting will be on **Thursday, April 1st, at the Lynch School Library at 7:00 pm.** At this meeting Donna Marcotte-Rizza will be joining us. Donna is a part time assistive technology specialist for the Winchester School District. She will be discussing and demonstrating various types of Assistive Technology we have available in our schools as well as other types of software, tools, etc. that can help our children learn. We hope to see you at both meetings. Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net and Kim Lazarus kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net

WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART

Winchester Friends of Art (WFOA) is turning the world "Art Side Out" with fun events scheduled for March. For more than 20 years, WFOA has advocated for art education in Winchester schools as a critical means for encouraging students to

think outside the box. **WFOA Annual Party for the Arts and Family Reception, Saturday, March 27** at Sons of Italy (Swanton St). Save the Date! In the afternoon, take the family to view "Art Side Out" themed art created by Winchester students and by professional artists at a FREE family reception, from 2 - 4 pm. In the evening from 8 - 11 pm, join fellow Winchester residents for WFOA's annual and always fun fundraising party -- an auction of art works by professional artists and high school seniors and of goods donated by local businesses, with live music by the Liz Lannon Band, dessert bar, and cash bar. Tickets are \$35 each in advance

SYBS 2010 SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 - 15, as of April 30, 2010) and softball (K - 8th grade) for the 2010 spring season. Registrations must be completed by March 15, 2010, in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. SYBS has made a number of changes to the softball program that will enhance the experience for players and families. Spring Age Groups: Clinic (K-2: commissioners Susan Wiseman and Danielle Ladd)—held on Saturday afternoons from 2-3:30PM at Westside (Start date TBA), Junior (Grades 3-5: commissioner Mikie Ulwick)—teams assigned by elementary school (Times, Days, Location TBA). Visit the SYBS website (<http://www.sybs.org>) and click on "Registration." Players who register after March 15, 2010, will be assigned to a team on a space-available basis.

WINCHESTER POP WARNER

Following the lead of the amazingly successful Sachem Youth Football program for Winchester middle school-age residents, we are pleased to announce that Winchester Pop Warner is bringing elementary school-age football back to town for the first time in a full generation. An information session will be held at the gym at the Winchester Recreation Center on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at which members of the Winchester Pop Warner Board will make a brief presentation and be available to answer any questions about the program. Interested parents are encouraged to attend. Participants are also welcome to join their parents at this session if they so desire. Also, on March 13, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Winchester Pop Warner will be co-hosting a registration (along with the Sachem Youth Football) at the McCall Middle School Cafeteria. Parents should bring their children to this event to register them. Fees and general

information will be available at www.winchesterpopwarner.com. The Executive Board of Winchester Pop Warner Mike Bongiorno, Brandon Bergstrom, Chuck Ward, and George Nowell.

WHS SOFTBALL CLINIC

The Winchester High School Softball program is offering a three-session clinic to get youth players from grades 3-8 ready for their upcoming seasons. Whether you are new to softball, a returning spring league player, or an experienced travel team softball player, Mastering Softball Basics is the clinic for you! For three consecutive Saturdays, WHS Varsity Coach Steve Swymer and his staff of experienced coaches and players will work with clinic participants on all aspects of the game. Players will receive instruction and reinforce their softball skills through a number of softball drills and workout stations. Players will be grouped by age and skill level. The clinic will take place at the Winchester High School Gym/Field House on March 27, April 3, and April 10 from 3:45 to 6 pm. Total cost for the three session clinic is \$75. Visit www.eteamz.com/FriendsofWHSsoftball to download registration forms or to register/pay online. Call 781-729-1740 for more information about this great clinic opportunity.

PARENT TECHTUTORIAL

Please join the Educational Technology Department staff for this informative techtutorial "iPod Exploration," March 15, 2010, 6-7 pm at Winchester High School Animation Lab (1st Floor). You will be enlightened as to the endless uses of iPods -- more than just music players, iPods have functionalities that can be used in many different ways for teaching and learning - creating and listening to podcasts, video capability, Taking notes for class, studying for quizzes, and much more.

PARENT TO PARENT

"What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex: Parenting in an Over sexualized, Online, In-Your-Face World" Sharon Maxwell, PhD is a clinical psychologist with a private practice, author, speaker, consultant, and mom. Back by popular demand, Dr. Maxwell will speak to parents on Wednesday, March 10th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Winchester High School. Her book will be on sale from BookEnds at the program. This program will present parents with practical and positive ways of beginning and sustaining a dialogue about sexuality that includes values, guidelines for behavior, and peer pressure. Parent to

Parent would like to thank ENKA for its generous support in helping fund this program. For more information please visit www.parenttoparentwinchester.org

WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

One Winchester, Many Traditions: International Film Series continues on March 8 at 6:30 pm with *The Keys to the House* (Italian with English subtitles, rated PG) at the Winchester Public Library. In the film, Gianni meets his disabled 15-year-old son (whom he abandoned at birth) for the first time and attempts to forge a relationship with him. Gianni experiences shocks and wonders as he struggles to decide if he will accept his role as father to the engaging, mercurial, disabled youth. The showing is free and open to the public; seating is limited. *Race and Place: A Community Discussion Series*: March 7th, 14th, and 21st from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, at the Winchester Public Library is sponsored by the Winchester Multicultural Network, the Winchester Public Library, and the League of Women Voters. Discussion is based on the documentary "Race, the Power of an Illusion." The goal of this dialogue series with community leaders, residents, and workers is an increased awareness of the historic relationship between race, place, and current economic prosperity. The shared experience of viewing and discussing "Race: The Power of an Illusion" provides a stimulating and challenging opportunity as we work to shape our community's future. Participants will view selected excerpts from the documentary and discuss each with the guidance of a professional facilitator, Angela Giudice of North Star. *The Difference Between Us*: Understanding why the peoples of the world cannot be divided into distinct biological groups (March 7) *The Story We Tell*: Tracing the origins of the racial idea to the European conquest of the New World and the American slave system (March 14) *The House We Live In*: Dealing with institutional racism and its effect on neighborhoods and communities in this country because of its impact on housing (March 21). For information or to sign up, email office@wmcn.org or call WMCN office, 781 729-7100.

TASTE OF WINCHESTER

The 4th annual "Taste of Winchester," to benefit the Griffin Museum of Photography, will be held on Friday, March 26th, 2010, from 7 to 10 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography. This popular community event is a chance to sample delicious food and wine from favorite local

restaurants and shops, enjoy live music and win fabulous door prizes. Tickets are \$60 and will be available at the end of February at Bookends and through the Griffin Museum at www.griffinmuseum.org (781)729-1158. The event sold out last year, so be sure to get your tickets early!

GINNPLAYGROUND RESTORATION

March 27, 2010, 7:30-10:30pm at Parish of the Epiphany Church - Help us BeGINN Again! Let the Winchester Neighbors Club take you **From Aspen to Antigua** at the WNC Sping Gala, all to benefit the Ginn Playground Restoration Project. Food by Green Olive, steel drum music by PanNeubean Steel, an open beer and wine bar, and the opportunity to purchase a variety of once-in-a-lifetime experiences in silent and live auctions await you. Some of the amazing auction items include the opportunity to spend 2011's April vacation week at a fabulous 4-bedroom villa in the five star resort Peninsula Papagayo in Costa Rica, a private outing aboard a luxury Hinckley Picnic boat, and ice time with pro hockey player Paul Mara. For more information, please go to www.beGINNagain.com, and to purchase tickets (\$125 each), please go to www.winchesterneighbors.com/ginn gala.

FANSPLASH UPDATES & WINTER FIESTA!

Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash! The Winchester Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13th from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borrggard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer, and a 50/50 raffle will be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table. You can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at info@fansplash.org for more information. Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at www.fansplash.org, or at Bookends. Please feel free to email WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee.

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